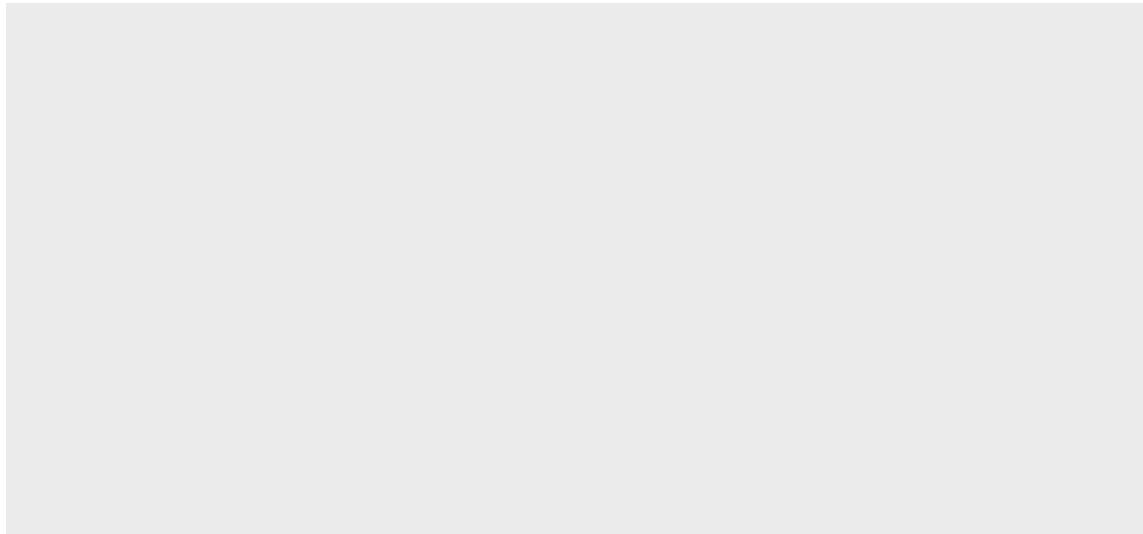


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 11th Street construction underway

Let's Fig it Out!

The MyFig project is in full swing, especially on 11th Street, which has been transformed to a one westbound lane, from Broadway to Figueroa St, to begin the civil and traffic portion work.

This includes the removal the existing north-side sidewalks, excavation on the street, and installation of new catch basins and storm drain connections. Additional work includes: sidewalk widening, new curbs and gutters, improved traffic signals, and the continued installation and refurbishment of street lighting.

Construction on Figueroa itself begins very soon, as LADOT is currently finalizing the traffic control plans that will allow traffic flow to continue as we build the new bus platforms of MyFig. The first component of this work will be the removal of the median islands in front of USC, to be followed by installation of the bus platform islands between Exposition & 23rd St. in April. Visit <http://myfigueroa.com/> for the latest updates.

LADOT Leads the Way

On March 2nd, Active Transportation Division Supervising Transportation Planner Valerie

Watson provided a presentation entitled "Streets as Places - How Small Projects Lead to Big Changes in Los Angeles" to planning commissioners attending the League of CA Cities Planning Commissioners Academy. LADOT was invited to provide information useful for them to take back to their own cities for innovative programs and projects. Our successful [People St program](#) for Plazas and Parklets was the focus for others to learn from. People St's original, temporary installations, led to both process and materials experiences enabling LADOT to implement long term, permanent changes through the City's Great Streets and Vision Zero initiatives.

Service Before Self

LADOT Crossing Guard Dorothy Brewer, recently celebrated 37 years of service. Ms. Brewer has committed her career to making sure our most vulnerable stakeholders (and the youngest!) made it to and from school safely. Supervisors and Lead Guards celebrated at the Hollywood Parking Enforcement Area Office last week. Ms. Brewer is our most senior and longest serving crossing guard in the City of Los Angeles.



Los Angeles Walks Honors LADOT Engineer

Principal Transportation Engineer Zaki Mustafa received the Charles Lummis Civil Servant for Walking award from Los Angeles Walks, a pedestrian advocacy organization whose goal is to make walking safe, accessible, fun and equitable for all Angelenos. [Visit LA Walks](#) for more information.



LADOT Video: Main and Spring Streets Meet Vision Zero

The City of Los Angeles' Vision Zero goal is to reduce traffic fatalities by 20% in 2017, and to zero deaths by 2025. [Watch here](#) as CD 14 Councilmember Jose Huizar announces the latest partnership with his DTLA Forward Initiative: making Main and Spring Streets' intersections and crossings safer for people walking, rolling, bicycling, driving and taking transit from Cesar Chavez to Ninth St. The very unique downloadable "[Pocket Owl](#)" program was also unveiled that enables a 360 degree look at what the future holds when viewed standing on the SE corner of Spring and Sixth Streets. Improvements include protected bicycle lanes, maximizing street parking/loading and, increasing bus efficiency. Portions of Main and Spring Streets are along the [Vision Zero High Injury Network](#): streets in our city with higher numbers of severe and fatal traffic crashes involving people who walk and ride bikes. For more information about this

initiative [click here](#).



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